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SUBJ: FOURTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, TOKYO

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1. MOST CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION CONSIDERED BY CONFERENCE
THUS FAR IS ONE REplete WITH REFERENCES TO DECLARATION AND
PROGRAM OF ACTION (WHICH HOWEVER HAVE LITTLE OR NOTHING TO DO
WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN FINAL PARAGRAPH). RESOLUTION WAS
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SUBMITTED BY GROUP OF 77 UNDER AGENDA ITEM 4, PROBLEMS OF

AVAILABILITY AND SUPPLY OF NATURAL RESOURCES. IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTIONS OF WESTERN GROUP. G-77 ELIMINATED ONE REFERENCE (IN SECOND PARAGRAPH) TO "THE" NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT LEFT OTHERS (IN PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 7) UNCHANGED. WHEN THIS USAGE (INACCURATE AND UNACCEPTABLE TO US) WAS CONFIRMED IN PLENARY DEBATE BY IRAQ, AS SPOKESMAN FOR G-77 ON THIS RESOLUTION, U.S. DELEGATION STATED IT RESERVED WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 7. FRG THEN STATED IT COULD NOT ACCEPT 5 AND 7 EITHER. UK REGRETTED THAT NO CONSENSUS HAD BEEN REACHED AND RESERVED ITS POSITION FULLY ON TEXT. JAPAN AND ITALY STATED THAT THEIR PREVIOUSLY-EXPRESSED POSITIONS ON DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION REMAINED UNCHANGED. AUSTRIA RESERVED ITS POSITION ON GROUNDS OF NOT HAVING RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. UK THEN ASKED CHAIRMAN FOR CLEAR RULING THAT CONSENSUS HAD NOT BEEN REACHED. IRAQ, SUPPORTED BY ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY, OBJECTED. U.S. JOINED IN U.K. REQUEST. CHAIRMAN THEN RULED THAT RESOLUTION HAD BEEN ADOPTED AS "EXPRESSION OF A DISCERNABLE MAJORITY" (I.E. NOT A CONSENSUS) WITH RESERVATIONS TO BE "NOTED IN DUE COURSE." COMMENTS RE "CONSENSUS ISSUE" BEING SENT VIA SEPTEL.

2. FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE PROBLEMS OF AVAILABILITY AND SUPPLY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT GA RESOLUTIONS 3201 AND 3202 (VI SSGA), FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES AS CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 3281 (XXIX) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, RECALLING OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1911 (LVII), BEARING IN MIND THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES ON THE PRINCIPLE OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1. RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR INCREASED USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT;
2. STRESSES THE NEED FOR URGENT MEASURES TO AVOID THE IRRATIONAL AND WASTEFUL CONSUMPTION AND USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF ALL COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
3. EXPRESSES THE CONVICTION THAT RESERVES OF NATURAL

RESOURCES SHOULD BE VIEWED IN A DYNAMIC CONTEXT
IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING TECHNOLOGY, SCIENTIFIC AD-
VANCEMENT AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURES;

4. ASSERTS THE NEED TO TAKE MEASURES TO PROMOTE
THE PROCESSING OF RAW MATERIALS IN THE PRODUCER DE-
VELOPING COUNTRIES, AND TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE PRO-
CESSING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE FULLEST
BENEFITS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

5. CONSIDERS THAT THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO PROMOTE
THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE
FIELD OF PRODUCTION AND USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN
ORDER TO ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

6. EMPHASIZES THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF SECURING A
FAIR AND EQUITABLE RETURN ON NATURAL RESOURCES EXPORTED
IN ANY FORM BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

7. UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING CO-OPERATION
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL
RESOURCES AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND
WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OVER-ALL CO-OPERATION;

8. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL:

(A) TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT, AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION
ON NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDING RELEVANT DATA ON PRO-
CESSING, TRANSPORTATION AND THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS
OF INDUSTRIES IN NATURAL RESOURCES SECTORS;

(B) TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
AT THEIR REQUEST, IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE DATA ON
THEIR RESOURCES AS WELL AS METHODOLOGIES NECESSARY
FOR NATIONAL FORECASTING OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF NATURAL
RESOURCES, AND IN FORMULATING APPROPRIATE POLICIES,
CONSISTENT WITH THE NEEDS OF THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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PLANS;

(C) TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO STRENGTHEN AND
INTENSIFY INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION BY PROMOTING;

(I) THE ORGANIZATION OF SPECIFIC RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DIRECTED
TOWARDS THEIR ENERGY NEEDS INCLUDING THE SPECIAL RE-
QUIREMENTS IN RURAL AREAS;

(II) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES ON
ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, ITS CONSERVATION AND
GREATER EFFICIENCY IN FUEL USE, AND ON THE NON-CONVEN-
TIONAL SOURCES SUCH AS SOLAR ENERGY, GEOTHERMAL ENERGY,
WIND POWER, OIL SHALES AND BIOGAS;

(D) TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE THE STANDARDIZATION OF
CONCEPTS, TERMINOLOGY AND METHODS OF MEASUREMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES RESERVES, SUPPLIES AND CONSUMPTION,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(E) TO EXAMINE THE PROBLEMS OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RESERVES AND SUPPLIES IN THE LIGHT OF WORLD ECONOMIC AND MONETARY CONDITIONS;

(F) TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND UNCTAD IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION. UNQUOTE.

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